

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Serial No.: 10/663,370)	Examiner: Beth Van Doren
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VIA EFS WEB

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This response is in reply to a restriction requirement mailed March 17, 2008, the period for reply extending through April 17, 2008. In the Office communication, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

- I. Claims 1-6, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to profiling participants and segmenting these participants into a subgroup based on a first taxonomy;
- II. Claims 7-19 and 33-36, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to identifying a first subgroup and delineating a second subgroup within the first subgroup based on a characteristic;

- III. Claims 20-27, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to receiving a message and identifying a subgroup of participants to receive the message based on two or more characteristics; and
- IV. Claims 28-32, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to receiving a first participant's participation in the enterprise and excluding this participant from a message sent to the participant's group based on his role within the subgroup.

In reply, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group II, claims 7-19 and 33-36, without traverse.


Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 17, 2008

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